

79. (New Claim) A purified ALF protein encoded by an oligonucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence substantially homologous to the coding strand of the gene sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3.

80. (New Claim) The purified protein of claim 79, wherein said protein is a human SALF protein.

81. (New Claim) The purified protein of claim 79, wherein said protein is the human ALF protein of SEQ ID NO:4.

82. (New Claim) A fusion protein comprising a portion of the SALF protein of claim 77 and a non-SALF protein sequence.

83. (New Claim) The fusion protein of claim 82, wherein said non-ALF protein is a transcriptional factor.

84. (New Claim) The fusion protein of claim 82, wherein said non-ALF protein is a human transcriptional factor.

85. (New Claim) The fusion protein of claim 82, wherein said SALF protein is the human ALF protein of SEQ ID NO:4.

COMMENTS

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An action on the merits of all of the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if he or she has any questions or suggested amendments to the claims.

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